

Do not let the Bell "Wolves" own the chicken coop you already allow them to dominate. Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and the FCC will be wholly to blame for the travesty. DO NOT DO IT. This would be a travesty to consumers like myself who would be forced to use the local telephone company for my DSL connection. I have been avoiding the local telephone company for over 20 years with my alternate service because, quite frankly, the local company's service and quality already sucks. I can only imagine (quite fearfully I might add) how horrible the local company's service and accountability might be when they no longer have to be concerned about competition. As a consumer in a free market, I expect to have a choice of what service provider I use.

Chairman Powell: Please do not sell us out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.